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FOR TARNOFF FROM WISNER

1. THE SECRETARY HAS READ YOUR MESSAGE AND PREFERS THAT NO CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS BE UNDERTAKEN UNTIL WE HAVE COME TO A DECISION AS TO WHEN AND HOW TO ANNOUNCE OUR ERW DECISION. I UNDERSTAND THAT GELB'S AND AARON'S VIEW HAVE BEEN SOLICITED WITH RESPECT TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. ONCE A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE, AND THE SECRETARY BELIEVES THAT IT COULD BE MADE DURING OUR TRIP, HE WILL AUTHORIZE YOU TO CONTACT THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS YOU MENTIONED. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO INFOR CULVER, HART, KENNEDY, PELL AND MCGOVERN AS WELL AS THE OTHERS. THE SECRETARY HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE METHOD OF CONSULTATION YOU PROPOSE.

3. THE SECRETARY WANTS YOU TO COMMUNICATE TO WARREN CHRISTOPHER THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS TELLING GENSCHER AND SCHMIDT THAT WE COUNT ON THEM TO HOLD OUR MESSAGE CLOSELY SINCE WE HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

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